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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - KOREA

1. FOLLOWING WAS PREPARED FOR JAN 21 PRESS BRIEFING.

QUOTE

QUESTION: ARE WE TERMINATING GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE
TO KOREA?

ANSWER: IN FY 77 WE WILL TERMINATE GRANT MATERIEL ASSIS-
TANCE AND MAKE THE TRANSITION TO FMS CREDIT ASSISTANCE
FOR MATERIEL FOR KOREA. WE EXPECT TO REQUEST SUBSTANTIAL
LEVELS OF FMS GUARANTEED LOANS TO SUPPORT MUTUALLY AGREED
PROJECTS RELATED TO U.S. SECURITY OBJECTIVES IN KOREA.
IN FY 77, A SMALL AMOUNT OF GRANT AID WILL BE REQUESTED
FOR TRAINING, SUPPLY OPERATIONS AND UN COMMAND COSTS.

QUESTION: DOES THIS AFFECT THE FY 76 PROGRAM AS HAS BEEN
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REPORTED?

ANSWER: NO. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST FOR FY 76. (GRANT - \$74 MILLION;

QUESTION: HOW DOES THIS AFFECT THE MOD PLAN?

ANSWER: WE PLAN TO REQUEST SUFFICIENT FMS GUARANTEED LOANS IN FY 77 TO COMPLETE OUR MOD PLAN OBJECTIVES AND PROVIDE CREDIT GUARANTEES FOR CONTINUING HIGH PRIORITY ROKG NEEDS DIRECTLY RELATED TO U.S. POLICY INTERESTS IN KOREA.

QUESTION: WHAT LEVELS OF FMS ARE BEING REQUESTED?

ANSWER: WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC LEVELS UNTIL THE PRESIDENT HAS SUBMITTED THE FY 77 FIGURES TO THE CONGRESS. UNQUOTE

2. NO QUESTIONS ON SUBJECT WERE RECEIVED AT NOON BRIEFING JAN 21, ALTHOUGH EA PRESS OFFICE RECEIVED QUERIES FROM KOREAN REPORTERS AND GUIDANCE USED WITH THEM. SISCO

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